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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Hans Rudolf **Mueller** *et al.* : Group Art Unit: 1624

Serial No.: 10/030,692 : Examiner: Mark L. Berch

Filing Date: January 14, 2002

For: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF OPTICALLY PURE  
TETRAHYDROPTERINS AND DERIVATIVES, AND SPECIFICALLY OF  
OPTICALLY PURE TETRAHYDROFOLIC ACID AND DERIVATIVES  
THEREOF, BY STEREOSPECIFIC HYDROGENATION

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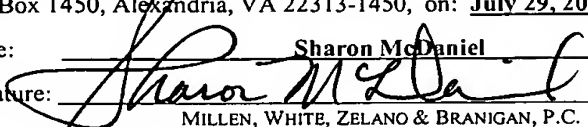
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Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated April 29, 2004, please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks that follow.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14 of this paper.

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